RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB

32nd Annual Report and Balance Sheet

SEASON 1916.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Richmond Cricket Pavilion on TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 3, at 8.

Members' Ticket 1916 must be shown. Hon. F. G. Tudor, President, will preside

BUSINESS:

1.—Annual Report and Balance-Sheet.

2.—Election of Office-Bearers.

3.—Presentations.

4.—General.

OFFICE-BEARERS, 1916.

President—Hon. F. G. Tudor, M.H.R.

Vice-Presidents—E. J. Cotter, Esq., M.L.A., M. Cronin, Esq., D. Henry, Esq., J. Kenny, Esq., A. Tietgens, Esq., A. Wood, Esq.

Committee—Messrs. W. A. Maybury (Chairman), A. Aarons, T. Delaney, R. T. Kelly, G. McIntosh, T. Wright, W. H. Sheppard, W. Robertson (League Juniors' Representative).

Players' Representatives—Messrs. A. Bettles, P. H. Maybury, S. W. Reeves.

Richmond Cricket Club Representatives—Messrs. H. Jones and J. Smith.

Delegates Victorian Football League—Messrs. R. T. Kelly and W. A. Maybury.

Auditor—G. D. Gill, Esq., Qualified Accountant, 76 Wellington-parade, East Melbourne.

Hon. Solicitors—Messrs. W. R. R. Blair and Son, Royal Chambers, Elizabeth Street, City.

Hon. Dentist—C. A. McCreery, Esq., Church Street, Richmond.

Captain—Mr. W. Thomas. Vice-Captain—Mr. P. H. Maybury.

Assistant Hon. Secretary—Mr. G. McIntosh. Time-keeper—W. Baker, Esq.

Finance Committee—Messrs. W. A. Maybury, G. McIntosh, T. Wright, J. H. Archer, W. H. Lohse.

Match Committee.—Messrs. T. Wright, W. H. Sheppard, S. W. Reeves, W. H. Lohse, C. Ricketts, W. Thomas, P. H. Maybury.

Hon. Treasurer—Mr. J. H. Archer, Swan Street, Richmond.

Hon. Secretary—Mr. W. H. Lohse, c/o Mr. W. A. Maybury, "Shandon," Richmond, Richmond.

'Phone—Cent. 3724.

TO THE MEMBERS

Ladies and Gentlemen,—

The Season 1915 was undoubtedly the most unique in the history of League Football. Only four clubs (Carlton, Collingwood, Fitzroy and Richmond, nothing to play. The other five League clubs, for war or reasons arising from the war, decided to put teams into the field. Upon the four clubs named, therefore, devolved the duty of carrying on the game throughout the season. Thus they succeeded against [illegible] and kept the football flag flying to the very end and will be acknowledged by all and the [illegible] Richmond [illegible] one of the four clubs that kept League football from sinking into oblivion during 1915 [illegible] the days to come when our grand winter game is again being played under normal codnitions, be remembered with pride by all members and supporters of the Yellow and Black. A slightly reduced programme of home and home matches was carried out, and the Semi-Finals and Finals resulted in Fitzroy winning the Premiership. We take this opportunity of congratulating the "Maroons" on the honor they achieved in gaining the League Pennant. The best game of the final series was that between Carlton (the Minor Premiers) and Richmond, on the M.C.C. Ground, when our boys, after playing a slashing game and finishing like "Tigers," only lost their chance of being Premiers or Runners-up by two points. As they filed out from the arena defeated by only the smallest of margins, all present agreed that the honors of the game were, not with the winners, Carlton, but with the losers, Richmond. The home and home matches also provided fine contests, and we were successful in defeating Collingwood (twice) and Fitzroy (the Premiers) three times, but could not "break it" against our old "snags," Carlton, although we very nearly "got them" on two ocasions. Out of 13 matches played, including semi-final, we won five and lost eight. This record against the top-notchers speaks volumes for the improved calibre of our team, and reads hopefully for the future. Your Committee gratefully acknowledges the great assistance given to the R.F.C. in their matches by Messrs. A. Eason, J. Kearney, H. Marsham and P. Martini (of the Geelong Football Club) who all like our boys, played for bare out-of-pocket expenses. Our Membership showed a great decline on the previous season's figures (428 as against 2200), but we look on this as only a passing phase of the troublous times we are living in, all the other clubs being in the same boat as regards decrease in members. In spite of our decreased revenue we donated over £100 to the Patriotic Funds, in addition to other donations as per list. We were unable to give this amount owing to our players training and playing for us Tuesday evenings only, but the Committee desire to sincerely thank them for their unselfish and [illegible] efforts, and [illegible] worked at very greatly reduced rates in order to help in the good cause. Our thanks are also due to Mr. W. Scriven, Brat and Mr. W. Tuck, the assistant trainers, our timekeeper, Mr. H. Baker, also [illegible] for their financial assistance. Messrs. P. W. Scriven, F. R. Molyneux and T. Taylor for [illegible] given and [illegible] as per list; and Messrs. Buzzle and Co. for their [illegible] and slight [illegible] donation of "Sir Thomas Parrot" brand [illegible] eucalyptus oil for the season's [illegible].

Leading Goal Kickers.—P. Martini 22, H. Alessio 15, F. Harley 12, G. Bayliss 11, H. Richardson 10.

Long Service Certificates (five years) will be presented to Mr. C. H. Hall and Mr. D. J. Moffatt at the Annual Meeting. Both these players have rendered yeoman service to the Club, and are still "going strong." Our long service roll now reads:—1913—H. James, E. Ohlson, W. Mahoney, R. Bowden, G. Gibson. 1914—P. Maybury, B. V. Herbert, V. Thorpe, F. Love F. McCashney. 1915—S. W. Reeves. 1916— C. H. Hall, D. J. Moffatt.

At the last meeting of your Committee Messrs. R. T. Kelly and W. H. Lohse were elected Hon. Life Members of the R.F.C. These gentlemen have served the Club well and thoroughly deserve the honor conferred.

Training Trophies were won by the following:—A. Bettles secured Mr. F. Smyth's trophy; R. Taylor, gold medal, presented by Mr. J. R. Molyneux; S. W. Reeves, trophy, presented by Mr. P. W. Scriven; and P. Maybury, trophy, presented by Mr. J. R. Molyneux. Mr. Scriven also presented a trophy for highest number of goals kicked, which was won by F. Martini of Geelong. At the beginning of the season we [illegible] to the 3rd Pioneer Battalion Team, and at same time wished them [illegible] Richmond "send-off" on his departure with the Pioneers for the front. Hassie is now a Lieutenant in that Corps, and we heartily congratulate him on his success and promotion. We also at the close of the season held a very successful athletic night, with Mr. J. Stokesberry in charge, which announcement was sufficient to ensure a bumper attendance and a pleasant and enjoyable evening. In connection with the athletic night the Committee desire to heartily thank Mr. J. Keane (Vice-President), of the Maribyrnong Hotel, for his generous donation of all the liquid refreshments required during the evening.

Honor Board.—Relatives and friends will oblige by sending [illegible] of the players who have enlisted to the Hon. Secretary, in order that our Honor Roll may be made as complete as possible.

Enlistments.—Two more of our players of season 1915, [illegible] Deans, of Geelong, and E. Derrick, have enlisted and have departed to swell Richmond's large contingent who are already at the front.

Obituary.—It is with the deepest regret we have to record the death in action of our fine follower, W. Nolan, one of the many who have made the "great sacrifice" in the cause of Empire. A fine specimen of Australian manhood, a credit to himself and the Club, poor "Bill" Nolan leaves behind him a memory that will always be esteemed and remembered in the annals of our Club. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family in their great loss. Mr. Geo. McIntosh also has suffered the loss of his only son, who died of wounds received in action, and we also tender to him and his family our sincere regret in their sad bereavement.

F. G. TUDOR, President.
W. A. MAYBURY, Chairman Committee.
W. H. LOHSE, Hon. Secretary.

Nominations for Office-Bearers 1917—All Unopposed

President: Hon. F. G. TUDOR, M.H.R.

Vice-Presidents (6): Messrs. E. J. COTTER, M. CRONIN, D. HENRY, J. KENNY, A. TIETGENS, A. WOOD.

Committee (7): Messrs A. AARONS, T. DELANEY, R. T. KELLY, G. McINTOSH, W. H. LOHSE, W. H. SHEPPARD, T WRIGHT.

Players Representatives: Messrs. P. MAYBURY, S. REEVES, C. HALL.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. J. H. ARCHER.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. W. A. MAYBURY, "Shandon," 8 Union-street, Richmond. 'Phone, Cent. 3724.

Donations 1916

Mr. A. Asher	£2	2	0	Mr. D. Donnelly	£1	1	0
„ J. Barry	2	2	0	„ D. Henry	1	1	0
„ J. Kenny	2	2	0	„ A. A. Keen	1	1	0
Dr. D. Rosenberg	2	2	0	„ A. Witchell	1	1	0
Hon. F. G. Tudor	2	2	0	„ J. Mangnall	1	1	0
Mr. A. Tietgens	2	2	0	„ A. Wood	1	1	0
„ J. Turner	2	2	0	W. R. R. Blair & Son	0	15	0
„ M. Cronin	1	1	0	Mr. G. Newlands	0	10	6
„ W. I. Bicknell	1	1	0	Head and Co.	0	10	6
Dr. P. M. Reid	1	1	0	Mr. J. A. Johnson	0	10	6
Mr. J. Jeffery	1	1	0	„ J. Garside	0	10	0
„ H. B. Taylor	1	1	0	„ J. Hyams	0	10	0
„ T. M. Hodges	1	1	0				
„ W. Roger	1	0	0		£31	12	6

Life Honorary Members

Mr. J. Charles	1895	Mr. A. A. Manzie	1909
„ J. Eastman	1896	„ C. Whittaker	1910
„ J. J. Stewart	1897	„ H. Slattery	1911
„ A. Elder	1898	„ J. H. Archer	1912
„ J. H. Egan	1899	„ W. A. Maybury	1912
„ W. Malone	1900	„ A. Tietgens	1914
„ W. I. Bicknell	1902	„ G. McIntosh	1915
„ C. Backhouse	1904	„ J. H. James	1915
„ A. McNair	1905	„ R. T. Kelly	1916
„ G. P. Beachcroft	1906	„ W. H. Lohse	1916
„ A. Edmonds	1908		